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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, Suite 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Comments on Docket 92-235

Dear Commissioners:

Many concerns have come to light since your "Docket 92-235" has been proposed. All of the public safety jurisdictions (police, medical and fire) within Columbia County, Oregon will be faced with a major problem if the proposed initiation dates are held to. In addition to the lack of technology, costs involved are prohibitive for any small jurisdiction to meet. Our whole emergency response entry system will come to a standstill should the required time frames not be extended.

The requirements of Docket 92-235 will require complete replacement of existing equipment throughout the majority of Columbia County, Oregon. We are requesting the mandatory implementation dates be set back a minimum of ten (10) years. This will give us an acceptable phase-in period so we can realistically budget for the required equipment.

Personal safety and operational efficiency are in jeopardy the way Docket 92-235 is presently put together. We are depending on your action to make the implementation of this change realistic for public safety.

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at (503) 397-2990.

Sincerely,

George D. Rowe
User Advisory Board
Chair

cc: Board of Directors